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## FOR PRIMARY REFORM.

Alonzo J. Stroud, Republican Nominee for Representative in State Legislature, Outspoken in Regard to This Measure.

Alonzo J. Stroud, republican nominee for representative in the state legislature from this county, is one of nature's noblemen. To know him is to love him, and all of the old settlers know him, and know this to be true. For the purpose of introducing him to the more recent settlers of the county, we print this biographical sketch.

Mr. Stroud was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, May 6th, 1843. He put in his boyhood days on farms in that vicinity, and as he grew older worked in saw mills. When the war came on, he enlisted in the 14th Ohio Vol. Inf., and served six months, when he was discharged, but soon re-enlisted in the quarter-master's department, Army of the Cumberland, and was with that branch of the service nine months. When the supply train was burned by rebel raiders near Chattanooga, he was placed in charge of the government buildings at Bridgeport, until he was

is treasurer of the Odd Fellows home Association, and is also a Mason, Knight of Pythias, and a member of Baxter Post G. A. R. Last but not least, he is a Rebekah.

Relative to his position on "Primary Reform," the question which is being agitated all over the state, and in this county, has a county ticket in the field, Mr. Stroud said in response to a suggestion that a statement relative to his position on primary reform would be an interesting portion of this article:

"In the first place, I want to say that the nomination as representative came to me practically unsought.

"I appreciate the honor, and I also appreciate the fact that my friends throughout the county were responsible for my nomination. And I wish to say emphatically that in accepting the nomination, I did so, absolutely unpledged to any person, and I am

present in this matter, as well as every other matter that comes up for action in the legislature. Now, that is just where I stand. I am in favor of primary reform, of the conservative kind, and have been right along. I will vote for the radical kind, if the people want that kind, that is if I am elected, and that part of it, depends entirely upon my friends. They have honored me in the past and I have tried to be true to the trust they repose in me, and if they honor me again by electing me representative, I shall be true to the trust they repose in me, and do as they wish, in every possible manner."

We present the above, and ask if it is not a manly position to take. Judge Stroud states frankly what he feels to be the wisest course to pursue, but he does not set himself up as a prophet and will do as his constituents wish. What more can any man ask?—Charlevoix Courier.

### Republican Meetings.

The Republican meetings being held in the county this week are being largely attended and much interest manifested in same. A number of meetings are scheduled for next week and all who can should attend.

Below is the schedule:

Monday, Oct. 24th, at Bay Shore—Harrison Shanahan.

Monday, Oct. 24th, at Peninsula Grange—Atty's A. B. Nicholas and L. F. Knowles.

Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at Nowland Lake School House—Atty's A. B. Nicholas and L. F. Knowles.

Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at Susan Lake School House—Harrison Shanahan.

Friday, Oct. 28th, at Ranney School House—Atty's J. M. Harris and J. Ernest Converse.

Friday, Oct. 28th, at Rock Elm Grange—Atty's A. B. Nicholas and L. F. Knowles.

Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Springvale—Atty's J. M. Harris and L. F. Knowles.

### Vote It Straight.

Republicans, support your nominated candidates for every office from president to coroner. Republicanism has redeemed this country of ours from all the ills and ills with which it has been threatened by the Democrats during the last dozen years and the triumph and prosperity of the people have been possible only through a united and loyal Republican party. Shoulder to shoulder the Republican voters of Charlevoix County should stand on the election day and through the largest majority ever recorded in the county, the vilifications and personal abuse of the opposing parties should be rebuked.

### "Faust," Next Friday.

The name of "Faust" conjures in the minds of theater-goers the name of Porter J. White. He has given his own production of the play after his own manner. Last night when Porter J. White gave his semi-spectacular production there was very little standing room in the house. Many had doubtless seen the play, and Mr. White's Mephisto before, and knew what to expect. The play was beautifully and elaborately staged so far as scenery and electrical effects were concerned and was also well costumed. But the production did not depend entirely upon the beauty of the stage setting nor the brilliance of the electrical display; but the acting was excellent and much of it above the ordinary. The Mephisto of Mr. White was well conceived and in harmony with the production. The Marguerite of Miss Olga Verne was sweet, beautiful and strong. The delineation of Faust was also excellent. The audience always discriminating did not allow strong lines, finely spoken by Mr. White, to pass unnoticed. It was a good deal of a surprise last night and altogether unexpected. Mr. White has made unparalleled strides toward the pinnacle of success and is today one of the most promising young stars upon the American stage.—Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald. At Love-day Opera House next Friday night.

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again discharged, but at once re-enlisted in the 188th Ohio Inf., Co. B, and was with his regiment until the war ended.

He came to Northern Michigan in 1876, taking up a homestead at Horton's Bay, and also built a small saw mill at that place. He operated the mill and cleared up his farm, during the years when, as he expressed it, "bagas and cornstalks were legal tender." He soon built a larger mill, and was interested in lumbering until the timber in that vicinity was wiped out, about twelve years ago. During this time he kept improving his farm, and now has 120 acres of the original homestead under cultivation, and lately has cleared his time entirely to the farm, living in a cozy home at Horton's Bay, overlooking the sparkling waters of Pine Lake. He was married in 1886 to Miss Celia A. Norton, and among the ladies Mrs. Stroud has as many friends as has her husband among the men. They have no children.

Mr. Stroud was elected supervisor in the early days, when Bay township was a part of Eveline, and was later supervisor of Bay when that township was organized, serving twelve years in such capacity. He was elected sheriff in the early eighties and served one term, declining a re-nomination for business reasons. He was judge of probate two terms, being first elected twelve years ago. He filled all his public trusts conscientiously and well, giving the people his best efforts, and while he occupied various public offices he was not then, and is not now, an office-seeker, the friends who knew and appreciated his many good qualities pushing him for preferment. It was in this same manner that he received the nomination for representative at the last republican convention. He was not a seeker for office—the nomination came to him because his friends felt that he was a good man for the position, and would fill the office to the satisfaction of the people, and would do his very best to truly represent his constituents.

Mr. Stroud is an Odd Fellow, having served one term as Grand Master of the Order in Michigan. He is Col. of the 2d regiment, Patriarchs Militant,

free to represent my constituents according to my best judgment. I was not asked what my position on primary reform was, and I was not asked if I would vote for, or against any measure that might come before me. I make this statement, in order that it may be plainly understood that no so-called "machine," in the state or in the county had anything to do with my nomination, or since my nomination has anyone tried to influence me. I have been asked as to how I stood on "primary reform," and in order that the people should know, and as they have a right to know, how I look upon this question, I will say frankly how I feel about it. Personally, I am in favor of a reform of present methods of nominating officers. I think there is need of a reform, call it "primary reform," or what you wish. I believe that a long step in this direction is the plan to hold all caucuses in the state the same day and hour, under regulations to be prescribed by law, as proposed in the republican state platform. I believe that if any township, city or county, wants to nominate its officers by a direct vote, they should be permitted to do so. I believe that if it is wished by the people, they should be given a law that will permit them to choose delegates to all conventions in the same manner. Personally, I believe that it is best to be cautious in adopting a sweeping change in our laws that would make it imperative to nominate all officers, from governor down, by a direct primary voting plan. I feel that we should first try the plan as to townships, counties and the naming of delegates, then if it is found to work satisfactorily, adopt it for all officers and abolish conventions. This is my personal opinion. But if elected to represent the people of this county in the legislature, I shall try to truly represent them, and if they want me to vote for a sweeping primary reform bill, all they have got to do is to say so, by petition or in any other manner that will show their desires, and I will vote for as radical measure as they may wish to try. I do not wish to set up my own judgment as against that of the men who elect me, and whom I wish to re-

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